

Minutes
State Energy Policy Council
December 5, 2018
Nashville

Members Present: Joe Hoagland, Lou Qualls, Brian Solsbee, Mike Ellis, John Kenny, Ashley Nabors (Treasurer designee), Emily Urban from TDEC (sat in for Molly Cripps, the Governor's designee)

Members Calling in: Hash Hashemian, Jasbir Dhaliwal, Stephen Smith

Chairman Joe Hoagland called the meeting to order. After members introduced themselves, the chair requested a moment of silence on this National Day of Mourning for President Bush.

Representative John Ragan, District 33, who sponsored the legislation creating the council, gave a slide presentation on his perspective of the council's vision, mission, and activities, as well as some of the key energy issues in Tennessee.

After a break for lunch, members each gave their perspectives on the council, their roles, and energy issues for the state.

To select the graduate student member of the council, council members reviewed the nomination materials for the two student nominees and voted by a show of hands (and voice vote for the one member remaining on the conference call). Zach Sims won in the 4 to 3 vote.

Matt Murray from the UT Baker Center introduced himself and indicated that the council will define the Baker Center's role.

Chairman Hoagland sought concurrence from members that they were comfortable in reviewing the draft version of the bylaws on their own and would wait to approve them until the next meeting. Members agreed. The chairman requested that they consider how to frame the deliverables outlined in the draft bylaws and forward any other suggested revisions to the bylaws.

The chair and members discussed holding future meetings in locations other than Nashville, the use of small working groups to prepare drafts for the council, and setting the dates for the next four meetings.

Comptroller staff explained how members should submit their travel claims and conflict-of-interest statements.

Members also asked about their terms of office. Some have been reappointed to adjust for the time lag in the council's convening. A question about a partial term was addressed with the determination that a partial term would not count toward the limit in law to "two full consecutive terms."

Rep. Ragan requested that members who were willing meet at the photographic services after the meeting adjourned to have a group picture made.